



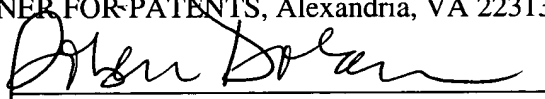
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In the Application of: **Whitman, et al.**
Application No.: **09/887,789**
Attorney Docket No.: **3556-P03147US01**
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For: **"ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SURGICAL DEVICE"**
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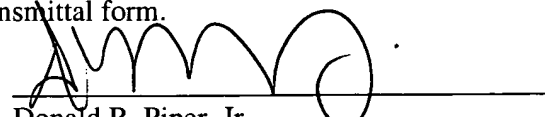
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Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby petitions for an extension of time of **THREE** months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee is enclosed as identified in the enclosed Fee Transmittal form.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.

The amendments to the **claims** begin on **page 2**.

Remarks concerning the office action and Applicant's amendments begin on **page 5**.